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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
HIROSHI WATANABE ET AL.	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: N.Y.A.	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Herewith	)	
For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING	)	
METHOD AND SUBSTRATE	)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	July 14, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

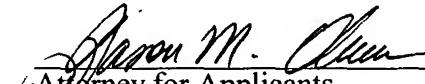
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and/or in the English language abstracts attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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